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## THE CASE OF CAPT. DREYFUS.

A Report to be Submitted at a Meeting of Dreyfus Commission Recommending a Revision of the Case.

Paris, Dec. 21.—It has been learned by the Associated Press that at a meeting of the Dreyfus commission next Tuesday, M. Victor Mercier, reporter of the commission, and one of the directors of the ministry of justice, will submit a report recommending revision of the case of Capt. Dreyfus. It is not yet positively known whether M. Mercier's report will recommend revision by the Court of Cassation or by the Court-martial, but there is every reason to believe that the Court of Cassation will now reconsider the case in the light of the facts gathered by M. Mercier, at the same time passing upon the other documents submitted. While it is impossible at this stage to predict what view will be taken by the commission, it is expected that it will adopt at least by a majority, M. Mercier's recommendation.

If the revision of the case should be favorable to Capt. Dreyfus, he will be restored to the army, no matter what protests may be made, but it is not expected that he will assume active service. M. Mercier's report, it is believed, not only establishes that Dreyfus is innocent of writing the Bordeau, but dwells with emphasis on the modification by M. Gribelin, keeper of war office records, of his testimony before the Court at Rennes. M. Gribelin then swore that Dreyfus was guilty, while the modification of his testimony now indicates that the alleged treason was committed by Col. Henry, who was at the time chief of the intelligence department of the ministry of war.

## WAGES REDUCED.

Combination of Steel Plants to Cut Wages Ten Per Cent or More.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—Semi-official information was given out today that made a general reduction in wages is to be made at all non-union iron and steel plants in the country that will average 10 per cent. It is not proposed to make any official announcement of the cut until after Christmas. Representatives of the United States Steel Corporation are said to have met with independent interests and an agreement has been reached for a uniform adjustment of wages of all employees. The rate of the highest paid tonnage men may be greater than a 10 per cent reduction and it will be less for the day hands. The wages of most of the employees at the blast furnaces have already been cut.

## Short Time in Manchester.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 21.—W. Tattersall's Annual Review of the cotton trade declares this year has been the worst in the last decade. Eighty-two spinning concerns in Lancashire lost \$190,000 during the year, and the trade must adopt short time, because American cotton is 45 per cent above the price at the same time last December. A mass meeting of Lancashire cotton millers will be held December 29, to consider the situation. Many of the mills will be stopped for ten days during the holiday season.

## South Carolina College Blacklisted.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 21.—At the annual session of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Association, held in this city, the charges of professionalism brought against Cumberland University were dismissed. The recommendation to blacklist Central University of Kentucky and South Carolina College was approved.

A resolution was adopted providing that any student playing summer base ball with any team and receiving any part of his expenses, should be ineligible in the Association.

Fewer gallons; wears longer; Devoe.

## Cured After Suffering 10 Years.

B. F. Hare, Supt. Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co., Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says, "One night while feeling exceptionally bad I was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble." Sold by J. S. Hughson & Co.

## BANK PROBLEMS IN CAMDEN.

Judge Watts' Decision Regarding Offsets in the Assigned Farmers' and Merchants' Bank.

Camden, Dec. 21.—Messrs. E. S. Vaux and A. D. Kennedy, assignees, petitioners, vs J. T. Hay and C. H. Yates, agents of creditors, respondents went before Judge R. C. Watts, at chambers, in Columbia, last week to have him decide a disagreement as to the question of offsets in the assigned Farmers' and Merchants' Bank. The following is his decision:

This is a motion before me at my chambers, under Section 2,644 of the Code, Vol. I, to decide certain questions, upon which the assignees and agents of creditors of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Camden, South Carolina, are not agreed, the said bank having made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors on the 18th day of November, 1903.

The first question presented for my consideration is as follows: "Where a party has a note maturing after the date of the said deed of assignment, due and payable to said bank, and also a deposit to his credit in the bank, the bank being in possession of both note and deposit, can one claim be offset against the other?"

I am clearly of the opinion that such offset should be allowed. The second question presented is as follows: "Where a party has a note due to the bank and maturing prior to date of the said deed of assignment, and has to his credit a deposit, the bank being in possession of both note and deposit, can one claim be offset against the other?"

I am of the opinion that such offset should be allowed, and do not think that it makes any difference whether the note matured before or after the date of assignment.

The next question is as follows: "Where the note has matured in the bank before the date of the assignment and the deposit is made in the bank not to be drawn against, however until a future date, which future date does not arrive until after the date of the deed of assignment, can one claim be offset against the other?"

I am of the opinion that when the time expires during which the fund deposited cannot be drawn against, under the agreement between the depositor and the bank, that such fund then becomes the same as any other deposited fund, set off should be allowed.

The question then being presented under the head of one or the other of the first or second questions above considered.

The next question is as follows: "Where a note of the depositor rediscounted before its maturity, and is in the hands of an endorser at the date of assignment, could a deposit in the bank by the maker of the note be, under any circumstances, applied to payment of the same?"

I am clearly of the opinion that it could not.

## CONTEMPT OF COURT.

An Interesting Case in Georgia in Which Several Railroad Officials Were Involved.

Macon Ga., Dec. 21.—In the case of the Inter-State Commerce Commission against the Louisville and Nashville, Florida Central and Peninsular, and the Savannah, Florida and Western railroads, involving a rule for contempt against officials of the Louisville and Nashville, the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line, President Smith, Superintendent Denham and Superintendent Hale were present before Judge Spear in the United States Court today. The railroads claimed that they were advised by counsel and believed that the decree did not require them to continue to operate through rates from Pensacola and Atlanta stations to Savannah, and that they could fully comply with the Court's decree by withdrawing their through rates and arrangements, even though from some of the stations the total rates charged by combining the locals of the separate roads might exceed the through rates which had been found by the Court to be unlawful. Therefore the railroads withdrew their through rates, and they pointed out that as much of the traffic involved the sums of the locals were less than the through rates which had been condemned. It was further stated on behalf of the railroads that negotiations looking to establishing through rates in accordance with the decree had been in progress for some time before the contempt proceedings were instituted and that such negotiations were still pending.

The Judge then suggested that a recess would be taken to see if the railroad officials present could complete these negotiations, and after the recess it was announced that agreement had been reached and that through rates in accordance with the decree would be made effective by January 1.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—Archbishop Ireland received today, under date of December 22, a cablegram from Mgr. Guidi, apostolic delegate to the Philippine Islands, announcing that the last touch had just been put to the contract between the United States Government of the islands and the Church for the purchase of the friars' lands in the islands, and invites the Archbishop to rejoice on the happy conclusion of the negotiations.

## A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

## STRIKERS INTERFERE WITH FUNERALS.

The Revolving Condition of Affairs Continues in Chicago--Want Conditional Arbitration.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Members of the Livery Drivers union met today to consider an arbitration plan to settle their strike and decided to accept conditional arbitration. The plan grew out of a meeting of a committee of employers and representatives of the union last night. While arbitration was being considered today news was received of the first "union label funeral" since the strike began. The funeral was arranged by Undertaker G. M. Marks, the body of the decedent being removed in a "dead" wagon bearing a placard proclaiming the vehicle to be owned by an undertaker paying the union scale. It was also the first funeral in which a procession of carriages was supplied to carry the mourners. There were six carriages labelled like the improvised hearse.

The funeral of John G. Kelley was held under cover of darkness last night on account of the possibility of violence. The services had been announced before the recall of pickets. After simple home services an undertaker's wagon conveyed the remains to a railroad depot from which the corpse was shipped to St. Paul, Minn.

The body of Mrs. Catharine Master-son, the mother of Rev. John Master-son, was borne through the street on a hand truck while undertakers and liverymen and their drivers argued as to whether they ought to submit the contest to arbitration.

The coffin was carried to the church on the truck, while six pallbearers walked bareheaded beside the flower strewn coffin, and following them came a procession of mourners. Fifty carriages had been asked for, but none was furnished and over 200 people were prevented from attending the burial.

## AWFUL FAMILY SCANDAL.

Four Persons Charged With Killing a Woman Relative.

Rising Sun, Ind., Dec. 22.—In its report of the investigation of the assassination of Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, on December 8, the grand jury today returned true bills of murder in the first degree against James Gillespie, a twin brother of the murdered woman; Mrs. Belle Seward, her widowed sister; Mrs. Carrie Barbour, niece of Dr. T. A. Reamy, an eminent physician of Cincinnati, and Myron Barbour, her husband. Mrs. Barbour is a sister-in-law of Dr. William Gillespie, brother of the murdered woman. Bench warrants were immediately issued by Judge Downey, of the Circuit Court. The Gillespies were expecting the arrests, and Dr. Gillespie drove to the house of the accused in a closed carriage and brought the indicted persons to the Court House, surrendering all of them to the Court. A newspaper photographer attempted to take a snap shot of the party, and was struck by James Gillespie, who broke away from Sheriff Rump and knocked the camera from the hands of the photographer. The four indictments were read to the accused. The indictments charged them with "feloniously, maliciously and with premeditated intent" causing the death of Elizabeth Gillespie. A conspiracy among members of the murdered woman's own family to kill her is charged. James Gillespie, her twin brother, is the one who is charged as the principal, although all are charged with murder in the first degree. Each entered a plea of not guilty. Capt. Coles, attorney for the defendants, presented petitions for writs of habeas corpus on the ground that there is not enough evidence to indict, and that their liberty was withheld on a charge of a crime for which they were innocent. Judge Downey ordered the writs returnable immediately and the petition was then heard with arguments.

## Safeguard Against Accident.

The best safeguard against accident is to use good judgment in directing every act. But accidents will often occur in spite of every effort to prevent them. The best safeguard against injury resulting from accident is Elliott's Emulsified Oil Liniment. It is the most serviceable accident and emergency liniment ever made and is the most satisfactory liniment for use in the family and on animals ever offered. Large bottles 25c. All dealers.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Men who were brought from St. Louis to Coal Creek about fifteen days ago to work in the Coal Creek Company's mines have brought suit for damages against the company and Manager George M. Camp. They allege that false representations were made to induce them to come to Coal Creek. Two of the cases have been tried, and the Court returned a verdict for \$250 and costs and attorneys' fees in each case. The men sued for \$499. The men, after reaching Coal Creek, were waited on by a body of 400 or 500 men, presumably union miners, and were persuaded not to work in the Coal Creek Company's mines.

## Fight Will be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

## Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be ward off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by China's Drug Store.

## COLOMBIA DEBARRED FROM HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

A Refusal of Colombia's Request Would be Approved by European Powers.

Washington, Dec. 22.—"Refusal by the United States to consent to a proposition from Colombia for a reference of the Panama question to The Hague tribunal is expected and will be fully approved by the European powers."

This statement was made to a representative of the Associated Press tonight by a European ambassador of high rank and influence. It has already been made in substance, though in rather more diplomatic language, to Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian commissioner who is expected in his forthcoming note to the state department to suggest The Hague tribunal as the proper place for the settlement of the isthmian problem.

The ambassador quoted, in explaining the attitude of European powers, said: "Panama is a closed chapter in the history of nations and The Hague court is not the place for settled questions, but for pending problems which are referred to it with the full approval of all the parties interested. When Russia, Germany and France recognize the independence of Panama they set their seal of approval on the prompt action of the Washington government in pledging itself to guarantee and maintain the independence of the republic it had previously recognized. Nations can hardly be expected to settle questions of sovereignty or national honor at The Hague."

There is, however, a question between Colombia and Panama which with propriety might be referred to The Hague and to which reference the United States will scarcely offer opposition. It is the question of the assumption by Panama of a part of the Colombian debt."

At the navy department the statement is made tonight that the instructions to the naval commanders in isthmian waters to "prevent the landing of forces with hostile intent" have not been modified. These instructions, it is believed, are sufficient comprehensive to enable the commanders to maintain open transit across the isthmus and to protect the new republic from Colombian expeditions.

## SCOOPED BY THE BELL.

South Carolina Telephone Company Sells Out.

The Bell Telephone company has bought out the South Carolina Telephone company. The deal has been on for some time and was consummated yesterday, and last night council granted permission to the South Carolina to sell. This was necessary, because it was provided by ordinance when the South Carolina company came in that permission must be obtained from the city before a consolidation could be had with any other company.

The South Carolina has been in operation five or six years, and probably it had a larger number of phones in use in Columbia than the Bell. It was thought to be doing a good business, and it was, but the American Construction company, which was largely interested in it, recently got into financial difficulties and the telephone company was involved. The local stockholders did not feel able to assume the obligations of the company and operate it too, so negotiations for its purchase by the Bell company were entered upon, resulting in the sale.

Mr. Lucas, manager of the Bell company, was not in the city today so it could not be learned what the Bell company's plans with reference to their new acquisition are. It is supposed that all existing contracts will be carried out, however.

The South Carolina company also has a long distance line of considerable importance especially in the eastern part of the State, permeating the whole Pee Dee section and touching all the important towns in it. It also has a line as far southeast as Edgefield and owned a system at Aiken which was recently sold to the Bell company.—Columbia Record. Dec. 2.

## Letter to E. A. Bultman.

Dear Sir: There are several ways of cheating in milk. An old-fashioned way is to water it. Nobody waters it now. A better way is to take out the cream—rich milk with the cream taken out is as good as poor milk with its cream all in.

But we needn't go into particulars. You don't rob your milk and your customers.

Paint is as easy as milk to cheat with. Good paint is as rare as good milk; for human nature is much the same in milkmen and paint men.

You are just and true with your milk; so are we with our paint. Devote lead and zinc is twice as good as mixed paints: There's twice as much butter in it.

Mr. J. T. Ladda, Cheraw, S. C., writes:

"When Mr. Evans painted his house with Devote, he figured on how other paints covered and had enough left to paint three large rooms. He was so pleased that he has used Devote on two other houses."

Yours truly,  
F. W. Devote & Co.,  
New York.

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## WAR CLOUDS IN THE ORIENT.

Japan's Reply Rejects Important Russian Demands.

The Situation Grows More Critical Daily But it is Believed to be Still Susceptible of Pacific Solution.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—It is asserted in official circles here that the Japanese reply to Russia rejects the fundamental points at issue, which are understood to include mutual guarantees for the preservation of the Chinese and Korean sovereignty while securing their individual interests. The situation is graver than since the commencement of the negotiations, but is still susceptible to pacific solution, if Russia will quickly reconsider her reply.

The fact that Foreign Minister Komura called on Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, yesterday instead of Baron de Rosen calling on Komur is explained by the fact that the baron is suffering from an ear affection. But the explanation has obvious diplomatic significance and is interpreted that Japan is determined not to afford Russia possible ground for claiming Japanese impetuosity as an excuse. Komura's communication is not believed to necessarily be tantamount to an ultimatum, as rumored. War preparations continue apace. The transports and the warships can sail at five minutes' notice. The Japanese government proposes immediately to undertake the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railroad, under the direct supervision of Japan. Popular sentiment and the press are eagerly urging the government to set a limit to the "Russian tactics of aggression and insolent negligence."

## ENGLAND AND FRANCE INTERFERE.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Confirmation was obtained from the official sources today of the reports that Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and Foreign Minister Delcasse have within the last few days made strong representations at Tokio with the view to averting a crisis between Russia and Japan. There is reason to believe that these representations coming at the critical moment when Japan's reply was being handed to the Russian minister, Baron de Rosen, exercised a powerful restraining influence. This is especially true of Lord Lansdowne, owing to Great Britain being the ally of Japan. The terms of the Japanese answer are not yet known here, but owing to the action taken by Great Britain and France the officials here are confident that her answer permits of a continuance of the diplomatic negotiations towards securing common grounds for an agreement.

## MUST DENY SENSATIONAL STORIES.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Press dispatches from Tokio affirm that the Japanese ministers abroad have been instructed to deny the sensational reports regarding the relations between Japan and Russia and to say that while Japan replied yesterday her response was not in the nature of an ultimatum, that it demands, simply, changes in some points, and, finally, that Russia is ready to continue the exchange of diplomatic views. It is added that the Japanese now give evidence of a pacific tendency. This information accords with the view prevailing in diplomatic circles here.

The Temps today published the following on authority:

"The fears of a Russo-Japanese conflict at present are without foundation. It is even said that an agreement is about to be reached on the main points at issue, and it is only a question of form, or more correctly of pride, which is causing the two powers to hesitate. But it is desired and hoped that a compromise satisfactory to both parties will be arranged."

## THE FAR EASTERN QUESTION.

In Pekin Men Who Know Say That War is Likely.

Pekin, Dec. 23.—That there is only a faint prospect that war between Japan and Russia can be averted is said to be the opinion of the two members of the diplomatic corps at the Chinese capital whose opinions regarding the present critical condition of affairs in the far East are probably most valuable; namely, Japanese Minister Uchida and Sir Ernest Mason Satow. Their views, in fact, are no secret.

Minister Satow was connected with the British diplomatic service in Japan for a quarter of a century. He is one of the greatest living authorities on Japanese history and literature, and is in constant communication with the foremost statesmen of Japan. He is quoted as saying that any one who imagines that Japan will not fight for what she conceives to be her greatest interests does not know the Japanese people.

Minister Uchida is an adherent of the "Young Japan Party," and has always advocated war, if necessary, to secure the evacuation of Manchuria. The optimistic feelings in some quarters concerning war between Japan and Russia are not shared by the other diplomats at Pekin, whose knowledge of the present situation of affairs entitles their opinion to the highest consideration. It is positively known that the Japanese Government has drawn the line for a settlement, beyond which it will not make any material concessions and that she is determined to fight before yielding what she considers to be her vital interests. It is believed that unless Russia concedes important points another exchange of notes will precipitate matters. It is also believed that Japan will

refuse any arrangement holding in abeyance the question of the evacuation of Manchuria, which was one of the terms of the proposed arrangement recently announced from St. Petersburg, and which it is now supposed was intended by the Russian Government as a "feeler." This would be a violation of expressed pledges given to Japan and China.

Minister Uchida is reported to have said he would be obliged to resign his post in the event of such an agreement.

The most dangerous factors in the situation are the confidence of the Russian officials in the far East that a war would mean an easy victory for Russia, and the challenging tone of the Russian officials and newspapers. The intelligent Chinese officials await developments with the deepest anxiety. They foresee the many perils menacing China in the event of war, and the possibility that a partition of the empire may result from China's inability to maintain the neutrality of her harbors and subjects.

The younger officials and the newspapers discuss the possibility of alliance between China and Japan, but the only available Chinese troops are the 15,000 Japanese-trained men of Yuan-Shi-Kai, (who was recently appointed commander of the imperial army and navy,) who might fight under foreign leaders, but whose present officers are incompetent and of doubtful courage.

Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, said today that he feared China would be the chief sufferer should war occur, for she might be ground between the two mill stones.

The dread of the Chinese Government has never been more completely displayed than in these times, when her ministers go from legation to legation imploring other Governments to help China, without any thought of China's helping herself. There is absolutely no strong man among the ruling ministers—no Prince Chang, Marquis Tseng, nor Li Hung Chang—all are venerable conservatives, like Prince Ching. Wu Ting Fang, the well known ex-minister to the United States, tells his official friends that he despairs of China's future.

"I see no hope," he says, "for China. The partition of the empire, sooner or later, is inevitable."

## THE SITUATION IN TOKIO.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Renter Telegram Company from Tokio says:

"Incessant activity prevails at military headquarters. The transport and other arrangements are completed. The Government is calmly awaiting the Russian reply, which, it is hoped, will be forthcoming without delay."

"Press dispatches from Mokpo and the outbreak of a Tong-Hak insurrection in Chul-La-To Province. The Tong-Haks are a party of malcontents, whose activity was the immediate cause of the war between China and Japan. These reports create uneasiness."

## COREANS INVADE CHINA.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.—The Tartar general at Kirin reports that an indecisive battle has occurred between four battalions of Chinese from Hung-Chun and 1,500 Koreans, who, invaded Chinese territory from Kyeng-Chun, in Northeast Corea.

## Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by China's Drug Store.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—A University of Virginia special says: Bannard Shipp, of Louisville, a literary recluse, has bequeathed his library, valued at \$100,000, to the University of Virginia, and the bill of lading for the entire collection—some forty-five boxes—has been received at this institution.

## A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c. at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

## Are You Satisfied?

If Not What Better Proof Can Sumter Residents Ask For?

This is the statement of a Sumter citizen. The testimony of a neighbor. You can readily investigate it. The proof should convince you.

J. A. Burgess, clerk and bookkeeper, residing at 317 W. Liberty street, says: "My back has been in a bad condition for a number of years. At times it was so weak I could not get about and there was a constant dull pain across the loins. The secretions from the kidneys were all out of sorts, very dark and contained a thick dark sediment and were too frequent in action, disturbing my rest at night. My eyes watered terribly and pained considerably. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills and heard them spoken so highly of that I procured them at Dr. A. J. Chan's drug store. I may say that the result of their use very much pleased me for I felt a hundred per cent better, the pain in my back left, my eyes stopped watering and my eyesight improved while the kidneys were regulated and I could sleep all night without having to get up. Doan's Kidney Pills acted like a charm on me and I can recommend them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.